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**MS PATENT APPLICATION**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of

Inventor(s): KAYAHARA, Toshihiro; FURUKAWA, Hideo; TAKEDA,  
Tomohisa; KONDO, Kanta

For: COMBUSTION APPARATUS FOR NOX REDUCTION

Enclosed are:

- ☒ A specification consisting of FORTY-SIX (46) pages
- ☒ TWELVE (12) sheet(s) formal drawings
- ☒ An assignment of the invention
- ☐ Applicant claims small entity status under 37 C.F.R. § 1.27
- ☐ Applicant does not claim priority
- ☒ Applicant claims the right of priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119 based on Application No(s). 2002-219400 filed in JAPAN on July 29, 2002 and 2003-141254 filed in JAPAN on May 20, 2003.
  - ☒ Certified copy(ies) is(are) attached hereto.
  - ☐ Certified copy(ies) will follow.

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☒ Amend the specification by inserting before the first line thereof the following:

a. ☒ --This nonprovisional application claims priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a) on Patent Application No(s). 2002-219400 filed in JAPAN on July 29, 2002 and 2003-141254 filed in JAPAN on May 20, 2003, which is(are) herein incorporated by reference.--

b. ☐ --This nonprovisional application claims priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) on U.S. Provisional Application No(s). filed on , which is(are) herein incorporated by reference.--

☒ Executed Declaration (☒ Original ☐ Photocopy)

☐ Application Data Sheet in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.76

☐ Preliminary Amendment

☒ Information Disclosure Statement, PTO-1449 and reference(s)

☐ Other:

☐ Applicant requests early publication - \$300.00 publication fee

☐ Non-publication Request and Certification under 35 U.S.C. § 122 (b) (2) (B) (i)

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- ☒ A check in the amount of \$790.00 to cover the filing fee and recording fee (if applicable) is enclosed.
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Sir:

Under the provisions of 35 U.S.C. § 119 and 37 C.F.R. § 1.55(a), the applicant(s) hereby claim(s) the right of priority based on the following application(s):

<u>Country</u>	<u>Application No.</u>	<u>Filed</u>
JAPAN	2002-219400	July 29, 2002
JAPAN	2003-141254	May 20, 2003


A certified copy of the above-noted application(s) is(are) attached hereto.

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